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TEXT OF INDO-USSR JOINT COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MEMBER
OF THE POLITBURO OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CPSU AND
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF USSR, MR. A.A. GROMYKO
PAID AN OFFICIAL FRIENDLY VISIT TO INDIA FROM APRIL 25
TO APRIL 27, 1977.

DURING HIS STAY IN DELHI, MR. A.A. GROMYKO WAS
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RECEIVED BY THE ACTING PRESIDENT OF INDIA, SHRI B.D. JATTI
AND HELD TALKS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA SHRI
MORARJI DESAI AND THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF INDIA,
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE. THIS WAS THE FIRST HIGH-
LEVEL EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT
OF INDIA AND THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP.

DURING THE TALKS, WHICH WERE CONDUCTED IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF CORDIALITY AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING TRADITIONAL BETWEEN THE REPRESENTATIVES OF INDIA AND SOVIET UNION, QUESTIONS OF SOVIET-INDIAN BILATERAL RELATIONS WERE DISCUSSED AND A BROAD EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON MAJOR INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST TOOK PLACE.

THE TWO SIDES EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TIME-TESTED RELATIONS OF TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION, OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND CONFIDENCE THAT HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND INDIA. THE DETERMINATION OF BOTH STATES WAS STRESSED TO CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE COURSE TOWARDS THE FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF EQUAL AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION IN THE SPIRIT OF THE INDO-SOVIET TREATY OF PEACE, FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION OF AUGUST 1971. THE FRIENDLY INDO-SOVIET RELATIONS RELIABLY SERVE THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES AND ARE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN ASIA AND ELSEWHERE. THE TWO SIDES REVIEWED THE PRESENT STATE OF THEIR BILATERAL COOPERATION IN THE ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL FIELDS AND NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT MUCH COOPERATION IS DEVELOPING WITH THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION THE VARIOUS AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED IN THE PAST BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES OR THEIR RESPECTIVE ORGANISATIONS. NOTING THE POTENTIAL FOR CONTINUING EXPANSION OF TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN INDIA AND USSR, THEY EXPRESSED

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THE DETERMINATION TO EXPLORE NEW AREAS OF THIS COOPERATION ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY, RECIPROCITY AND MUTUAL BENEFIT.

THE TWO SIDES WELCOMED THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDO-SOVIET TIES IN THE SPHERES OF CULTURE, ART, LITERATURE, EDUCATION, HEALTH, TOURISM AND SPORTS AND EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE TO DEEPEN AND ENRICH THEM FURTHER.

AS A RESULT OF THE TALKS, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF USSR AND INDIA SIGNED THE FOLLOWING SOVIET-INDIAN AGREEMENTS:-

(I) AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION;

(II) AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TROPOSCATTER COMMUNICATION LINK (FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELIABLE TELEGRAPH AND TELE-

PHONE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES);

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE
OF INDIA AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE OF USSR
SIGNED AN AGREEMENT ON THE MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF GOODS
FOR THE YEAR 1977 ON THE BASIS OF WHICH THE TRADE
EXCHANGE BETWEEN INDIA AND USSR WILL INCREASE
SIGNIFICANTLY.

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THESE AGREEMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO GIVE A SIGNIFICANT
IMPETUS TO THE FURTHER GROWTH OF SOVIET-INDIAN
COOPERATION IN THE ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL
FIELDS.

DURING THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON MAJOR WORLD
PROBLEMS THE TWO SIDES NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT
THE POSITIONS OF THE SOVIET UNION AND INDIA ON MANY
IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ARE IDENTICAL OR CLOSE. THEY
EXPRESSED THEIR READINESS TO DEEPEN THEIR COOPERATION
IN THE INTERESTS OF PEACE, INTERNATIONAL DETENTE,
DISARMAMENT AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PEOPLES.

THE TWO SIDES NOTED THE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS
IN EUROPE AS A RESULT OF THE ALL EUROPEAN CONFERENCE
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ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN HELSINKI AND EXPRESSED
THE VIEW THAT THE PROCESS OF DETENTE SHOULD BE
EXTENDED TO ALL THE REGIONS OF THE WORLD. BOTH SIDES
ARE CONVINCED THAT THE RELAXATION OF TENSIONS IS
VITAL FOR ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD,
LARGE AND SMALL, DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING. THE TWO
SIDES NOTED THE PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING
MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION AND CONSOLIDATING
PEACE AND STABILITY IN ASIA AND STRESSED THAT
INTER-STATE RELATIONS SHOULD REST ON SUCH
PRINCIPLES AS RENUNCIATION OF THE USE OR THREAT
OF FORCE, RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY AND
INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS, NON-INTERFERENCE IN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS, EXTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF
COOPERATION IN THE ECONOMIC AND OTHER FIELDS ON THE
BASIS OF FULL EQUALITY AND MUTUAL BENEFIT. NOTING
WITH SATISFACTION THE OUTCOME OF DISCUSSIONS HELD
SO FAR, THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO CONTINUE THEIR
COOPERATION AT THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THE REALISATION
OF THE PROPOSAL TO CONCLUDE A WORLD TREATY ON THE
NON-USE OF FORCE IN THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

THE TWO SIDES REAFFIRM THEIR DETERMINATION TO
FACILITATE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE
DISARMAMENT, INCLUDING NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, UNDER
EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL. THEY BELIEVE
THAT THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
EXCLUSIVELY DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT WOULD CONSIDER
IN A COMPREHENSIVE MANNER QUESTIONS OF GENERAL AND
COMPLETE DISARMAMENT AND ALSO EXPRESS THE HOPE ABOUT
THE EARLY CONVENING OF A WORLD CONFERENCE ON
DISARMAMENT. THE TWO SIDES AGREED THAT EARLY
CONCLUSION OF A TREATY ON THE COMPLETE AND GENERAL
PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS, OF A CONVENTION
ON THE PROHIBITION OF DESTRUCTION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS(SIC)
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MANUFACTURING OF NEW TYPES AND SYSTEMS OF WEAPONS OF MASS
DESTRUCTION WOULD CONSTITUTE CONCRETE STEPS TOWARDS
DISARMAMENT AND STOPPING OF THE ARMS RACE. BOTH SIDES

STRESSED THAT EARLY PROGRESS TOWARDS TOTAL AND COMPLETE
DISARMAMENT WAS ESSENTIAL IN ORDER TO RELEASE THE MUCH NEEDED
RESOURCES FOR ACCELERATING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

INDIA AND THE SOVIET UNION ARE CONVINCED OF THE
INCREASINGLY SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION MADE BY
THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT TO THE COMMON STRUGGLE FOR THE
STRENGTHENING OF UNIVERSAL PEACE AND SECURITY OF NATIONS,
AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND AGGRESSION, FOR THE ELIMINATION
OF THE VESTIGES OF COLONIALISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
AND THE POLICY OF APARTHEID, IN DEFENCE OF INDEPENDENCE AND
FREEDOM OF ALL PEOPLES AND ALSO FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER ON THE BASIS OF
RESPECT FOR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY, EQUALITY AND MUTUAL
BENEFIT. THEY CONSIDER THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT TO BE AN
IMPORTANT FACTOR OF INTERNATIONAL LIFE WHICH FOUND
CONFIRMATION AT THE FIFTH NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN
COLOMBO AND THE CONFERENCE OF THE COORDINATION BUREAU OF
THE NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS HELD IN NEW DELHI IN
APRIL, 1977.

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THE SOVIET UNION AND INDIA RECOGNISE THE NECESSITY TO FURTHER NORMALISE THE SITUATION IN THE SOUTH ASIAN SUB-CONTINENT. THE SOVIET UNION WELCOMES THE EFFORTS OF INDIA AND OTHER STATES OF THIS REGION AIMED AT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RELATIONS OF GOOD NEIGHBOURLINESS AND AT SOLVING ALL DISPUTES BY PEACEFUL MEANS AND NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT ANY OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE. THE TWO SIDES BELIEVE THAT FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARDS COOPERATION IN THE SOUTH ASIAN SUB-CONTINENT WOULD BE A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TO STRENGTHENING OF UNIVERSAL PEACE AND TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PEOPLES.

THE TWO SIDES REAFFIRM THEIR READINESS TO PARTICIPATE, TOGETHER WITH ALL STATES CONCERNED, ON AN EQUAL BASIS AND IN CONFORMITY WITH THE GENERALLY RECOGNISED RULES
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OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, IN EFFORTS LEADING TO THE EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE. BOTH SIDES STAND FOR THE ELIMINATION OF ALL EXISTING FOREIGN MILITARY BASES FROM THE INDIAN OCEAN AND THE PROHIBITION OF NEW ONES.

THE TWO SIDES EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN AT THE GRAVE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THEY CAME OUT RESOLUTELY IN FAVOR OF A JUST SETTLEMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM BASED ON THE TOTAL WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL FROM ALL THE TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967, THE LEGITIMATE RIGHT OF THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE, INCLUDING THE RIGHTS TO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN STATE, AND ON ENSURING THE RIGHT OF ALL STATES OF THE MIDDLE EAST TO INDEPENDENT EXISTENCE AND DEVELOPMENT. INDIA AND THE USSR CAME OUT IN FAVOR OF RESUMING FOR THESE PURPOSES THE WORK OF THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANISATION. THE SOVIET UNION AND INDIA STRESSED THE NECESSITY THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO ERUPTION OF NEW CONFLICT SITUATIONS THREATENING THE CAUSE OF PEACE ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

WHILE REVIEWING THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, THE TWO SIDES CONDEMNED THE MINORITY, RACIST REGIMES IN ZIMBABWE AND THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THE ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA BY THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA AND FULLY ENDORSED THE DEMAND FOR THE IMMEDIATE GRANT OF MAJORITY RULE IN ZIMBABWE AND INDEPENDENCE TO NAMIBIA. THEY EXPRESSED THEIR RESOLVE TO CONTINUE TO ASSIST THE PEOPLES IN THESE COUNTRIES IN THEIR

STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION FROM RACIST MINORITY RULE AND
EXPLOITATION.

THE TWO SIDES REAFFIRM THEIR RESOLVE TO WORK FOR THE
FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND OF ITS
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EFFECTIVENESS IN MAINTAINING UNIVERSAL PEACE AND SECURITY
OF PEOPLES AND PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON THE
BASIS OF THE STRICT OBSERVANCE OF THE PRINCIPLES AND
PURPOSES OF THE UN CHARTER. SOVIET UNION AND INDIA
ARE IN FAVOUR OF GRANTING WITHOUT DELAY TO THE SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ITS LEGITIMATE PLACE IN THE UNITED
NATIONS.

INDIA AND THE SOVIET UNION SUPPORT THE RIGHT OF THE
PEOPLES TO DISPOSE OF THEIR NATIONAL WEALTH AND THEIR
STRUGGLE FOR THE ELIMINATION OF INEQUALITY DISCRIMINATION
AND EXPLITATION FROM INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

THE TWO SIDES EXCHANGED VIEWS ON THE LAW OF THE SEA
AND REITERATED THEIR INTENTION TO FACILITATE THE
ACHIEVEMENT OF AGREEMENT ON A NEW CONVENTION OF THE LAW
OF THE SEA WHICH WOULD ON THE WHOLE BE ACCEPTABLE TO
ALL STATES.

BOTH SIDES ARE OF THE OPINION THAT THE TALKS HELD BY
MR. A.A. GROMYKO WITH THE INDIAN LEADERS MADE A
MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF MUTUAL
UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENTS OF USSR AND INDIA AND THE REAFFIRMATION OF
FRIENDLY TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THEY AGREED TO
CONTINUE THE PRACTICE OF CONSULTATIONS AND EXCHANGES OF
VIEWS AT VARIOUS LEVELS WHICH HAS PROVEN ITS VALUE.

ON BEHALF OF THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP, MR. A.A. GROMYKO
CONVEYED AN INVITATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF
INDIA, SHRI MORARJI DESAI TO PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE
SOVIET UNION. ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF USSR, MR.
GROMYKO EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE,
THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF INDIA, TO PAY AN
OFFICIAL VISIT TO USSR AT A TIME CONVENIENT TO HIM. THE
INVITATIONS WERE ACCEPTED WITH THANKS. THE DATES OF THE
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